



## California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Determination of Occupant Load		
Code Section(s)	CBC Section 1003.2.2.2.1		
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**In CBC 1003.2.2.2.1, when computing occupant load, are the occupants of an accessory area to be included in the total load served by an exit system?**

No. CBC 1003.2.2.2.1 states that areas to be included in determining the occupant load, all portions of a building shall be presumed to be occupied at the same time. Except, accessory use areas that ordinarily are used only by persons who occupy the main areas of an occupancy shall be provided with means of egress as though they are completely occupied, but their occupant load need not be included when computing the total occupant load of the building.

This means that if the occupants of the building are the same occupants that will occupy the accessory use areas only, then the accessory use areas are not computed in determining the occupant load of the building.